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Stamas and Elsenheimer introduce resolutions urging the USPS to keep the Gaylord Post Office open

LANSING – Resolutions have been introduced in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives urging Congress and the U.S. Postal Service to keep open the mail processing plant in Gaylord, said Sen. Tony Stamas and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer.

“The economic impact of closing the Gaylord mail processing plant on the community is undeniable,” said Stamas, R-Midland. “Shutting down the Gaylord facility will have an adverse affect on the more than 100 workers who are employed there. The community counts on good-paying jobs like these. Gaylord needs the mail processing plant to remain open.”

Approximately 80 full-time employees would be transferred out of the region to other postal facilities if the Gaylord location closes.

Stamas sponsored Senate Resolution 151 and Elsenheimer’s resolution both urge the Postal Service and Congress to keep the Gaylord location open to avoid the negative economic impact and a lower standard of postal service that will result from closure.

The Postal Service concluded an Area Mail Processing survey in April to determine whether or not to consolidate the Gaylord mail processing operations to the Traverse City Processing and Distribution Center.

According to the Postal Service, the consolidation is being considered in an effort to reduce the \$8 million deficit of the Greater Michigan Postal District, which includes Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

“There is a critical need for jobs like these in Otsego County,” said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. “With the shuttering of other large employers in the area like Georgia Pacific, it is imperative we stress the need for the mail processing plant to remain in Gaylord. The relocation of workers would be another blow to the local economy and we cannot let that happen.”

SR 151 was referred to the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs, while the House resolution will be read in to the record and referred to committee next week.

District postal offices are expected to receive final word from Washington, D.C. in June or July.

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